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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS LEGISLATIVE/RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	Approved 8/21/08

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neil McAneny, DDS, Professional Member, Chairperson
David S. Williams, DMD, Professional Member
Blair Jones, DMD, Professional Member
Fay S. Rust, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
John M. Kirby, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Allison Reardon, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer L Myer, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McAneny called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Minutes

Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Dr. Williams to approve the minutes from December 13, 2007 as written. The motion was unanimously carried.

Evaluate Rules and Regulations for Continuing Education Approval

The Committee continued discussions on the Rules and Regulations pertaining to Continuing Education criteria. A list of pre-approved sponsors was created, the amount of hours each dentist and hygienist would need was determined and the insertion of on-line attestation and

post audit was agreed upon. Ms. Reardon will create a draft of the Section 6 changes for the next meeting.

Evaluate Licensure Renewal after One Year

There is nothing in the current Law that provides for reinstatement of lapsed licenses. Ms. Reardon drafted language for the law that creates provisions for lapsed licenses over five years. However, that leaves a gap of one to five years. The Committee will review other Boards' reinstatement provisions and Ms. Reardon will draft language to create criteria and guidelines for handling lapsed licenses.

Discuss FBI Background Check for Licensure Candidates

Ms. Reardon distributed the draft of Title 24, which includes the language for requiring criminal background reports as part of the licensure process. The Committee discussed several scenarios for informing the applicants when the legislation is passed.

Dental Clinic/Office Names

Included in the Title 24 draft was Section 1171, pertaining to dental clinics using names other than the dentist's. The language was taken from the Pennsylvania Dental Board Law. In essence, the Committee wants language that would allow a dental practice to be named something other than just the dentist's name. Currently, the law requires the office to be named after the dentist. Since this is restrictive and not being enforced, the committee would like to have a change. The discussion of charging a "trade name" registration fee was discussed. Ms. Reardon will take the Pennsylvania language and mesh it with the committee's suggestions to develop a more concise version for Delaware to use.

Review of House Bill 392

House Bill 392 was signed by Governor Minner on July 3, 2008. The bill creates provisions for dental/dental hygienist volunteer licensure. It directs the Board to create evaluation forms for monitoring volunteers. The Committee reviewed the bill. Dr. Williams created a draft application which Ms. Myer will revise and present at the next meeting.

Other Topics

The Committee discussed the possibility of adding language to the law regarding the exemption of examination for the chairperson of the residency program. This was an item that was brought to the Board's attention at their Board meeting in June, 2008. Dr. Granite, the current chair of the Christiana Dental Residency program would like the Board's support of a bill they would like to introduce in legislation. The purpose of the bill would be to exempt an out of state dentist from the practical examination if said dentist were coming to Delaware to head the residency program.

Ms. Reardon stated that this type of exemption would not fit into the current law's provision for limited licensure. There could be a place for this in the law but cautioned that it could open the door for other entities to request exemptions.

This proposal from Christiana Hospital is so specific to the hospital that it would be best advanced by Dr. Granite as it falls outside the Board's primary objective of protecting the public. The Committee agreed that at this time, they will draft a letter to Dr. Granite indicating that the Board is not prepared to incorporate this into their current revisions to the law. The Board would

like to review the proposed bill before moving to support the bill. This information will be communicated to the full Board at their next meeting in September.

Public Comment

There was no public comment

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 5:00 pm in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Kirby made a motion, seconded by Dr. Williams, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L Myer
Administrative Specialist II